

Thursday, May 7, 1998

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed Internal Revenue Service Restructuring and Reform Act.
The House passed H.R. 3694, Intelligence Authorization Act for FY 1999.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4451–S4553

Measures Introduced: Fourteen bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2040–2053, and S. Res. 225.

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Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 2052, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1999 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Retirement and Disability System. (S. Rept. No. 105–185)

S. 1525, to provide financial assistance for higher education to the dependents of Federal, State, and local public safety officers who are killed or permanently and totally disabled as the result of a traumatic injury sustained in the line of duty.

S. Con. Res. 75, honoring the sesquicentennial of Wisconsin statehood.

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Measures Passed:

IRS Reform: By a unanimous vote of 97 yeas (Vote No. 126), Senate passed H.R. 2676, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to restructure and reform the Internal Revenue Service, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows:

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Adopted:

Kerrey Amendment No. 2358, to require a study on the willful noncompliance with internal revenue laws by taxpayers to be conducted jointly by the Joint Committee on Taxation, Secretary of the Treasury, and the Commissioner of Internal Revenue.

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Kerrey Amendment No. 2359, to require the Inspector General for Tax Administration to report to

Congress on administrative and civil actions taken with respect to fair debt collection provisions.

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Kerrey Amendment No. 2361, to express the policy of Congress that the Internal Revenue Service should work cooperatively with the private sector to increase electronic filing.

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Grassley Amendment No. 2362, to appoint a counsel in the Office of the Taxpayer Advocate to report directly to the National Taxpayer Advocate.

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Grassley Amendment No. 2363, to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to provide a combined employment tax reporting demonstration project.

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Craig Modified Amendment No. 2364, to require advance notification to taxpayers before disclosure of their income tax return information to state and local governments.

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Kerrey/Grassley Amendment No. 2368, to amend the provision regarding offset of past-due legally enforceable State income tax obligations against overpayments to apply to debts for which an administrative hearing has determined an amount of State income tax to be due.

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Graham/D'Amato/Feinstein Amendment No. 2369, to clarify the actual knowledge standard of the innocent spouse provision.

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Roth (for Domenici/D'Amato/McCain) Amendment No. 2370, to require on all IRS telephone helplines an option for questions to be answered in Spanish.

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Roth (for Domenici) Amendment No. 2371, to require all IRS telephone helplines an option to talk to a live person in addition to hearing a recorded message.

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Bond/Moseley-Braun Amendment No. 2373, to improve electronic filing of tax and information returns.

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Gramm Amendment No. 2374, to expand the shift in burden of proof from income tax liability to all tax liabilities. **Pages S4484–85**

Gramm Amendment No. 2375, to prohibit Government officers and employees from requesting taxpayers to give up their rights to sue. **Page S4485**

Gramm Amendment No. 2376, to provide for the termination of employment of IRS employees for willful failure to file income tax returns or threatening an audit for retaliatory purposes. **Page S4486**

Roth (for Craig) Amendment No. 2377, to require disclosure to taxpayers concerning disclosure of their income tax return information to parties outside the Internal Revenue Service. **Pages S4486–87**

Roth (for Craig) Amendment No. 2378, to limit the disclosure and use of federal tax return information to the States for purposes necessary to administer State income tax laws. **Page S4487**

Grams Amendment No. 2379, to provide interest payment exemption for disaster victims in the Presidentially declared disaster areas. **Page S4506**

Dodd (for Moynihan) Amendment No. 2380, to provide effective dates which allow the Internal Revenue Service to implement changes to the tax code and to meet the year 2000 computer conversion deadline. **Pages S4510–12**

Collins/DeWine Amendment No. 2381, to modify the reporting requirements in connection with the education tax credit. **Pages S4514–17**

Roth Amendment No. 2382, to make certain technical corrections. **Pages S4517–18**

Roth (for Graham) Amendment No. 2383, to apply the interest netting provision to all Federal taxes and to open taxable periods occurring before the date of the enactment of this Act. **Pages S4518–19**

Roth (for Stevens) Amendment No. 2384, relating to State fish and wildlife permits. **Pages S4518–19**

Roth (for Bingaman) Amendment No. 2385, relating to the report on tax complexity and low-income taxpayer clinics. **Pages S4518–19**

Rejected:

By 42 yeas to 57 nays (Vote No. 122), Thompson/Sessions Amendment No. 2356, to strike the exemptions from criminal conflict laws for a IRS Oversight Board member from employee organization. **Pages S4452–54**

By 35 yeas to 64 nays (Vote No. 123), Faircloth Amendment No. 2360, to remove the union representative of the Internal Revenue Service employees from the Internal Revenue Service Oversight Board. **Pages S4455–59**

By 40 yeas to 59 nays (Vote No. 124), Mack Amendment No. 2372, to strike the Secretary of the

Treasury from the Internal Revenue Service Oversight Board. **Pages S4478–83**

Withdrawn:

Craig Amendment No. 2365, to limit the disclosure and use of federal tax return information to the States to purposes necessary to administer State income tax laws. **Pages S4464–66, S4487**

Craig Amendment No. 2366, to require disclosure to taxpayers concerning disclosure of their income tax return information to parties outside the Internal Revenue Service. **Pages S4464–66, S4487**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 37 yeas to 60 nays (Vote No. 125), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate failed to agree to a motion to waive the Congressional Budget Act with respect to consideration of Coverdell Amendment No. 2353, to prohibit the use of random audits. Subsequently, a point of order that the amendment was in violation of section 202 of the Congressional Budget Act was sustained, and the amendment thus fell. **Pages S4512–14, S4519**

Appointment:

U.S. Capitol Preservation Commission: The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 10–696, appointed the following Senators as members of the United States Capitol Preservation Commission: Senators Gorton and Bennett. **Page S4553**

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Record Votes: Five record votes were taken today. (Total—126) **Pages S4454, S4459, S4483, S4519–20**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 7:46 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Friday, May 8, 1998. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4553.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

AGRICULTURAL TRADE

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded hearings to examine United States agricultural trade policy issues, focusing on the importance of trade to the American economy, and the Administration's preparations for renewed multilateral trade negotiations in agriculture, after receiving testimony from Daniel R. Glickman, Secretary of Agriculture; and Charlene Barshefsky, United States Trade Representative.

APPROPRIATIONS—NSF/OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY/NATIONAL SCIENCE BOARD

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999, after receiving testimony in behalf of funds for their respective agencies from Neal F. Lane, Director, National Science Foundation; Kerri-Ann Jones, Acting Director, Office of Science and Technology Policy; and Richard N. Zare, Chairman, National Science Board.

APPROPRIATIONS—EXECUTIVE OFFICE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for the Executive Office of the President, receiving testimony from Ada Louise Posey, Director, Office of Administration, Executive Office of the President; and C. Boyden Gray, Wilmer Cutler and Pickering, Washington, D.C., former White House Counsel to President Bush. Subcommittee will meet again on Thursday, May 14.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

An original bill to authorize funds for fiscal year 1999 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and to authorize funds for fiscal year 1999 for intelligence related activities of the United States Government;

An original bill entitled "Department of Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1999";

An original bill entitled "Military Construction Act for Fiscal Year 1999"; and

An original bill entitled "Department of Energy National Security Act for Fiscal Year 1999".

HUD MANAGEMENT REFORM

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Development: Subcommittee on Housing Opportunity and Community Development concluded hearings on issues relating to the implementation of the Department of Housing and Urban Development's "HUD 2020" Management Reform Plan, after receiving testimony from Andrew M. Cuomo, Secretary, and Susan Gaffney, Inspector General, both of the Department of Housing and Urban Development; and Judy A. England-Joseph, Director, Housing and Community Development Issues, Resources, Community, and Economic Development Division, General Accounting Office.

AIRCRAFT REPAIR STATIONS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Aviation concluded hearings to examine the Federal Aviation Administration's oversight of repair stations that maintain and repair aircraft and aircraft components, and S. 1089, to restrict the use of foreign repair stations by United States airline companies, after receiving testimony from Senator Specter; Guy S. Gardner, Associate Administrator for Regulation and Certification, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation; Gerald L. Dillingham, Associate Director, Transportation Issues, Resources, Community, and Economic Development Division, General Accounting Office; Gilbert D. Mook, Federal Express Corporation, Don Fuqua, Aerospace Industries Association, and Edward Wytkind, Transportation Trades Department, AFL-CIO, all of Washington, D.C.; and William L. Scheri, International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, Upper Marlboro, Maryland.

NATIONAL PARK SYSTEM

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation held hearings on S. 1693, to improve the ability of the National Park System to provide state-of-the-art protection and interpretation to NPS resources, focusing on Title VI, National Parks Resources Inventory and Management, Title VII, Designation of Tax Refunds and Contributions for the Benefit of the National Park System, Title VIII, National Park Foundation, and Title XI, relating to a study of the United States Park Police and Cooperative Management Agreements, receiving testimony from Denis P. Galvin, Deputy Director, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; William J. Chandler, National Parks and Conservation Association, Charles M. Clusen, Natural Resources Defense Council, on behalf of the Greater Yellowstone Coalition, and Jim Maddy, National Park Foundation, all of Washington, D.C.; Robert Koons, Grand Canyon

Association/Grand Canyon National Park Foundation, Grand Canyon, Arizona; Stephanie M. Clement, Friends of Acadia, Bar Harbor, Maine; and Curt Buchholtz, Rocky Mountain National Park Associates, Inc., Estes Park, Colorado.

Subcommittee will meet again on Thursday, May 14.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of William Joseph Burns, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, and Ryan Clark Crocker, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Syrian Arab Republic, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

OVERSEAS PRIVATE INVESTMENT CORPORATION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on International Economic Policy, Export and Trade Promotion concluded oversight hearings to examine the operations of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation in its implementation of foreign policy investment and development priorities of the United States Government, after receiving testimony from Senator Allard; George Munoz, President and CEO, Overseas Private Investment Corporation; Richard F. Seney, MCTR, Alexandria, Virginia; and Edmund Rice, Coalition for Employment Through Exports, Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

The nominations of Chester J. Straub, of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit, William P. Dimitrouleas, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of

Florida, and Stephan P. Mickle, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Florida;

S. 1525, to provide financial assistance for higher education to the dependents of Federal, State, and local public safety officers who are killed or permanently and totally disabled as the result of a traumatic injury sustained in the line of duty; and

S. Con. Res. 75, honoring the sesquicentennial of Wisconsin statehood.

TEACHER PERFORMANCE

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: Committee concluded hearings to examine proposals to provide more qualified teachers in the American classroom, focusing on certain provisions of the proposed Higher Education Amendments of 1998 (S. 1882 and H.R. 6) affecting institutional eligibility for student aid under title IV of the Higher Education Act, after receiving testimony from Margot A. Schenet, Specialist in Social Legislation, Education and Public Welfare Division, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; Kati Haycock, The Education Trust, Terry W. Hartle, American Council on Education, and Arthur E. Wise, National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education, all of Washington, D.C.; Donald Warren, Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana; Thomas W. Payzant, Boston Public Schools, Boston, Massachusetts; and Nancy S. Grasmick, Maryland State Department of Education, Baltimore.

INTELLIGENCE—AUTHORIZATION

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill (S. 2052) authorizing funds for fiscal year 1999 for intelligence and intelligence related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 18 public bills, H.R. 3805–3822; 1 private bill, H.R. 3823; and 6 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 273–274 and H. Res. 422–425, were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 3534, to improve congressional deliberation on proposed Federal private sector mandates, amended (H. Rept. 105–515); and

H.R. 2416, to provide for the transfer of certain rights and property to the United States Forest Service in exchange for a payment to the occupant of such property, amended (H. Rept. 105–516);

H.R. 2730, designate the Federal building located at 309 North Church Street in Dyersburg, Tennessee, as the “Jere Cooper Federal Building”. (H. Rept. 105–517);

H.R. 2225, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse to be constructed on Las Vegas Boulevard between Bridger Avenue and Clark

Avenue in Las Vegas, Nevada, as the "Lloyd D. George Federal Building and United States Courthouse" (H. Rept. 105-518);

H.R. 3453, to designate the Federal Building and Post Office located at 100 East B Street, Casper, Wyoming, as the "Dick Cheney Federal Building". (H. Rept. 105-519);

H.R. 3295, to designate the Federal building located at 1301 Clay Street in Oakland, California, as the "Ronald V. Dellums Federal Building" (H. Rept. 105-520); and

H. Con. Res. 255, authorizing the use of the Capitol grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby, amended (H. Rept. 105-521). **Pages H3012-13**

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative LaTourette to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H2933**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, the Rev. Kenneth G. Wilde of Meridian, Idaho. **Page H2933**

Senate Bill Returned—Ocean Shipping Reform Act: Agreed by unanimous consent to the request of the Senate to return S. 414, the Ocean Shipping Reform Act of 1998. **Page H2937**

Use of the Capitol Grounds: The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 265, authorizing the use of the East Front of the Capitol Grounds for performances sponsored by the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. **Page H2937**

Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Scarborough wherein he requested a leave of absence from the Committee on Education and the Workforce. Without objection, the resignation was accepted. **Page H2938**

Education and Savings Act for Public and Private Schools: The House disagreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 2646, and agreed to a conference. Appointed as conferees: Chairman Archer, Chairman Goodling, Representatives Arney, Rangel, and Clay. **Pages H2938-44**

By a yea and nay vote of 192 yeas to 222 nays, Roll No. 136, rejected the Rangel motion to instruct conferees to agree to provisions relating to tax-favored financing for public school construction consistent, to the maximum extent possible within the scope of conference, with the approach taken in H.R. 3320, the Public School Modernization Act of 1998. **Pages H2938-44**

Intelligence Authorization Act for FY 1999: The House passed H.R. 3694, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1999 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Cen-

tral Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System. **Pages H2946-78**

Agreed To:

The Traficant amendment that requires the Director of Central Intelligence to submit an annual report that describes the level of cooperation and assistance provided to domestic Federal law enforcement agencies by the intelligence community in the effort to stop the flow of illegal drugs. **Pages H2969-70**

Rejected:

The Sanders amendment that sought to decrease the total amount authorized by five percent and exempt the CIA Retirement and Disability fund from the reduction (rejected by a recorded vote of 120 ayes to 291 noes, Roll No. 137). **Pages H2957-66**

Withdrawn:

The Weldon of Pennsylvania amendment was offered but subsequently withdrawn that sought to require the Director of Central Intelligence to submit an annual proliferation report to the chairmen and ranking members of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence and Senate Select Committee on Intelligence that identifies each foreign entity that transferred a controlled item, including activities to produce weapons of mass destruction, to another covered entity; and **Pages H2966-69**

The Waters amendment was offered but subsequently withdrawn that sought to require the Attorney General to review the 1995 Memorandum of Understanding requiring the Director of Central Intelligence to report information concerning Federal crimes. **Pages H2970-78**

The Clerk was authorized in the engrossment of the bill to make such technical and conforming changes as may be necessary to correct such things as spelling, punctuation, cross-referencing, and section numbering. **Page H2978**

H. Res. 420, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a voice vote. **Pages H2944-46**

Meeting Hour—Monday, May 11: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 2 p.m. on Monday, May 11. **Page H2979**

Meeting Hour—Tuesday, May 12: Agreed that when the House adjourns on Monday, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 12 for Morning Hour debates. **Page H2979**

Meeting Hour—Wednesday, May 13: Agreed that when the House adjourns on Tuesday, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, May 13 for the purpose of receiving in the Chamber former members of Congress. Further, agreed that it be in order on

Wednesday for the Speaker to declare a recess subject to the call of the Chair for this purpose.

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Calendar Wednesday: Agreed that the business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on Wednesday, May 13.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea and nay vote and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H2944 and H2965–66. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FOREST SERVICE BUDGET

Committee on Agriculture: Held a hearing to review the Fiscal Year 1999 Administration's Budget for the Forest Service, USDA. Testimony was heard from Representative Herger; Michael Dombeck, Chief, Forest Service, USDA; and public witnesses.

ELECTRONIC COMMERCE

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection held a hearing on Electronic Commerce: Building Tomorrow's Information Infrastructure. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

PARENTAL FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth, and Families held a hearing on H.R. 3189, Parental Freedom of Information Act. Testimony was heard from Representatives Tiahrt, Largent and Green; and public witnesses.

IMMUNE GLOBULIN SHORTAGES

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Human Resources held a hearing on Immune Globulin Shortages: Causes and Cures. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: David Satcher, M.D., Surgeon General; Michael Friedman, M.D., Lead Deputy Commissioner, FDA; and Stephen M. Ostroff, M.D., Associate Director, Epidemiologic Science, National Center for Infectious Diseases, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; Bernice Steinhardt, Director, Health Services Quality and Public Health Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

U.S.-EUROPEAN UNION TRADE

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on issues in U.S.-European Union Trade European Privacy legislation and Biotechnology/Food Safety Pol-

icy. Testimony was heard from Franklin J. Vargo, Acting Assistant Secretary, Export Promotion, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

AFRICA IN THE WORLD ECONOMY

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Africa held a hearing on Africa in the World Economy. Testimony was heard from Rosa Whitaker, Assistant U.S. Trade Representative; and public witnesses.

ASIA-U.S. SECURITY INTERESTS

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a hearing on Tradition and Transformation: U.S. Security Interests in Asia. Testimony was heard from Stanley Roth, Assistant Secretary, East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Department of State; and the following officials of the Department of Defense: Walter Slocombe, Under Secretary; and Adm. J.W. Prucher, USN, Commander-In-Chief Pacific Command.

HUMAN RIGHTS IN INDONESIA

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights held a hearing on Human Rights in Indonesia. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—ADMINISTRATIVE CRIMES AND QUASI-CRIMES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held an oversight hearing on Administrative Crimes and Quasi-Crimes. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 3633, Controlled Substances Trafficking Prohibition Act; H.R. 2070, amended, Correction Officers Health and Safety Act of 1997; H.R. 2829, amended, Bulletproof Vests Partnership Grant Act of 1997; and S. 170, Clone Pager Authorization Act.

DUNGENESS CRAB CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT ACT

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans held a hearing on H.R. 3498, Dungeness Crab Conservation and Management Act. Testimony was heard from David Evans, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, NOAA, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health approved for full Committee action

the following bills: H.R. 1865, Spanish Peaks Wilderness Act of 1997; H.R. 3186, amended, Rogue River National Forest Interchange Act of 1998; H.R. 3520, to adjust the boundaries of the Lake Chelan National Recreation Area and the adjacent Wenatchee National Forest in the State of Washington; and H.R. 3796, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to convey the administrative site for the Rogue River National Forest and use the proceeds for the construction or improvement of offices and support buildings for the Rogue River National Forest and the Bureau of Land Management.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands approved for full Committee action amended the following bills: H.R. 2538, Guadalupe-Hidalgo Treaty Land Claims Act of 1997; and H.R. 3625, San Rafael Swell National Heritage and Conservation Act.

FINANCIAL SERVICES COMPETITION ACT

Committee on Rules: Heard testimony from Chairmen Leach and Bliley; Representatives McCollum, Roukema, Baker, Lazio, Castle, Bachus, Metcalf, Riley, Oxley, Bonilla, LaFalce, Vento, Kennedy of Massachusetts, Waters, Gutierrez, Markey, Moran of Virginia, Jackson-Lee and Kucinich, but no action was taken on H.R. 10, Financial Services Competition Act.

AVIATION MANUFACTURING AND THE FASTENER QUALITY ACT

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Technology held a hearing on the Aviation Manufacturing and the Fastener Quality Act. Testimony was heard from Raymond Kammer, Director, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce; Thomas E. McSweeney, Director, Aircraft Certification, FAA, Department of Transportation; and public witnesses.

MITIGATION AND COST REDUCTION ACT

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing on the Mitigation and Cost Reduction Act of 1998. Testimony was heard from Mike Armstrong, Associate Director, Mitigation Directorate, FEMA; and public witnesses.

YEAR 2000 COMPUTER PROBLEM

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing on the Year 2000 Com-

puter Problem. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: Charles O. Rossotti, Commissioner, IRS; James J. Flyzik, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Information System and Chief, Information Office; Constance E. Craig, Assistant Commissioner, Information Resources, Financial Management Services and Vincette Goerl, Assistant Commissioner, Finance; John Dyer, Principal Deputy Commissioner, SSA; John Callahan, Assistant Secretary, Office of Management and Budget, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

U.S. ECONOMIC AND TRADE POLICY TOWARD CUBA

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Trade held a hearing on U.S. Economic and Trade Policy Toward Cuba. Testimony was heard from Representatives Moakley, Torres, Ros-Lehtinen, Diaz-Balart and Menendez; Michael Rannenberger, Coordinator, Cuban Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, MAY 8, 1998

Senate

No meetings are scheduled.

House

Committee on Commerce, Subcommittee on Finance and Hazardous Materials, hearing on Industry Implementation of Decimal Pricing, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Health and Environment, hearing on Reauthorization of the Mammography Quality Standards Act, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on American Worker Project: Determining the Appropriateness of Rulemaking at the U.S. Department of Labor—Regulatory Strategies Outside the Scope of the Administrative Procedure Act, 9:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, Subcommittee on the District of Columbia, hearing on the District of Columbia Metropolitan Police Department Oversight and Federal Law Enforcement Assistance, 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee, to hold hearings to examine the employment-unemployment situation for April, 9:30 a.m., 1334 Longworth Building.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Friday, May 8

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

2 p.m., Monday, May 11

Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: No legislative business is scheduled.

House Chamber

Program for Monday: Pro Forma Session.

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